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A special "THANK YOU" goes to New England producers and agri-businesses who have helped us by completing surveys via mail, telephone or personal interviews. This issue contains the results of monthly and quarterly surveys including the Milk Production, Layer and Egg Production, Potato Stocks and Prices, Bee and Honey, and Trout.

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POTATO STOCKS: Maine potato stocks on hand March 1, 2005 totaled 9.4 million cwt (hundredweight), six percent above 2004's March 1 holdings. Disappearance to March 1 in the State totaled 9.8 million cwt, compared with 8.1 million cwt moved a year earlier. Storage on March 1 accounted for 49 percent of Maine's total production, and equals the previous five-year average of 49 percent.

The 15 major potato States held 168 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2005, up one percent from last year and two percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 42 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, one percentage point above last year. Disappearance of 235 million cwt of potatoes is down one percent from last year and three percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 24.6 million cwt so far this season, is up nine percent from last year and ten percent above the same date in 2003. Processors in the nine major States used 119 million cwt of potatoes this season, down one percent from a year ago and five percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 23.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year and 15 percent below the same date in 2003.

HONEY: In 2004, New England honey production from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.0 million pounds, a decrease of 14 percent from 2003. Yields from New England's 20,800

colonies producing honey averaged 49 lbs in 2004, eight percent lower than the 2003 average yield. Total value of production across all six states was \$2.0 million, down 17 percent from the previous year.

MILK PRODUCTION: Milk production in Vermont during February 2005 totaled 204 million pounds. There were an estimated 143,000 milk cows on Vermont farms during February unchanged from January. Milk production per cow averaged 1,430 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 major milk-producing States during February 2004 totaled 12.2 billion pounds. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 8.1 million head. Milk production per cow averaged 1,516 pounds for February.

TROUT: In 2004, the value of trout sold in Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts totaled \$935,000, one percent below the value from the previous year.

In the three New England States during 2004, there were 19 producers selling trout and a total of 16 hatcheries distributing trout for restoration or conservation purposes. In Maine, 1.1 million fish were distributed during 2004, with weight totaling an estimated 294,000 pounds.

Nationwide, the 2004 value of trout sold, excluding eggs, was \$63.9 million, seven percent above the previous year. An additional \$4.8 million was generated from trout egg sales nationwide. The 2004 value of distributed fish was \$62.8 million across the Nation, with eggs valued at an additional \$1.9 million. The complete Trout Production report is available on the Internet and includes more information about eggs, size of fish, and losses, as well as separate tables for percent sold by point of first sale.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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FALL POTATOES: Production and March 1 Stocks ^{1/}, 2004 - 2005

State	2003 Crop			2004 Crop		
	Production	Stocks March 1, 2004	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks March 1, 2005	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,528	1,300	37	3,876	1,300	34
Colorado	23,652	10,700	45	23,148	11,100	48
Idaho	123,180	58,000	47	131,970	64,000	48
Maine	17,030	8,900	52	19,220	9,400	49
Michigan	15,015	5,100	34	13,650	3,900	29
Minnesota	22,330	9,600	43	18,920	8,800	47
Montana	3,339	2,800	84	3,551	3,200	90
Nebraska	9,744	2/		9,288	2/	
New York	6,510	700	11	5,184	700	14
North Dakota	27,440	13,000	47	26,765	13,100	49
Ohio	1,097	2/		1,080	2/	
Oregon	20,991	11,000	52	19,775	9,000	46
Pennsylvania	3,375	700	21	2,640	700	27
Washington	93,150	29,500	32	93,810	29,000	31
Wisconsin	32,800	11,200	34	30,450	11,000	36
Other States		3,780			3,220	
15 STATES	403,181	166,280	41	403,327	168,420	42

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

^{2/} Combined into "Other States."

SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 p.m., March 15, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1999 - 2004 Crop Years

Crop Year	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average											
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Market Year Average
	Dollars per Cwt											
1999	5.80	5.30	5.45	6.35	6.45	6.30	6.35	6.40	6.80	6.60	6.75	6.35
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	7.00	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.80	7.65
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.40	7.05
2003	6.15	5.25	5.45	5.90	5.75	5.85	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.70	6.90	6.05
2004 ^{2/}	5.95	5.15	5.70	6.15	6.35	5.95	6.20					

^{1/} Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.

^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

VERMONT MILK: Prices Received, 2000 - 2005

Year	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for Milk Sold												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Dollars per Cwt												
2000	13.40	13.40	13.50	13.40	13.50	13.80	13.50	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.60	13.80
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.40	11.50	11.50	12.10	13.40	15.00	15.80	15.50	14.80	13.00
2004	13.90	14.20	15.60	17.50	19.70	19.50	17.40	15.40	16.00	16.50	16.90	17.00	3/
2005 ^{2/}	16.70	15.90											

^{1/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

^{3/} 2004 Annual average will be available in April 2005.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005 National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, February 2005 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	145	143	143	1,435	1,560	1,430	208	223	204
New York	660	650	650	1,400	1,535	1,415	924	998	920
Pennsylvania	564	564	560	1,425	1,540	1,420	804	869	795
United States ^{2/}	8,051	8,083	8,074	1,531	1,640	1,516	12,329	13,258	12,240

^{1/} Average number for month, including dry cows.

^{2/} United States includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.

SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 p.m., March 16, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

TROUT: Number of Operations, Value of Fish Sold and Distributed, 2003 - 2004

State	Total Trout Operations		Operations Selling Trout				Operations Distributing Trout ^{1/}			
			Number of Operations		Total Value of Fish Sold		Number of Operations		Total Value of Distributed Fish	
	2003 ^{2/}	2004	2003 ^{2/}	2004	2003 ^{2/}	2004	2003 ^{2/}	2004	2003 ^{2/}	2004
	Number				1,000 Dollars		Number		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	6	6	3	3	337	360	3	3	3/	3/
Maine	14	15	6	7	220	212	8	8	3/	3/
Massachusetts	11	13	7	9	389	363	5	5	3/	3/
NEW ENGLAND ^{4/}	31	34	16	19	946	935	16	16	3/	3/
UNITED STATES ^{5/}	--	--	--	--	59,870	63,886	--	--	60,091	62,832
UNITED STATES ^{6/}	545	601	331	365	64,046	68,716	242	271	61,304	64,776

^{1/} Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes.

^{4/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.

^{2/} Revised

^{5/} Excludes value of eggs.

^{3/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{6/} Includes value of eggs.

SOURCE: **Trout Production**, 3:00 p.m., February 25, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

TROUT: Number of Fish Sold and Distributed by Size Category, 2003 - 2004

State	Food Size: 12 inches or longer			Stockers: 6 inches - 12 inches			Fingerlings: 1 inch - 6 inches		
	Number of Fish	Liveweight		Number of Fish	Liveweight		Number of Fish	Liveweight	
		Average per Fish	Total		Average per Fish	Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs	1,000	Pounds	1,000 lbs

TROUT SOLD

New England ^{1/}

2003	66	0.9	58	252	0.4	109	100	50.0	5
2004	72	0.9	65	257	0.4	108	72	69.4	5

TROUT DISTRIBUTED

Connecticut

2003 ^{2/}	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2004 ^{2/}	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Maine

2003	60	1.1	64	710	0.3	195	520	15.4	8
2004	90	1.0	86	750	0.3	205	230	13.0	3

Massachusetts

2003	450	0.8	373	115	0.3	37	600	5.0	3
2004 ^{2/}	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

^{1/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts.

^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

SOURCE: **Trout Production**, 3:00 p.m., February 25, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

BEE and HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value and Stocks, 2003 - 2004 ^{1/}

State	Honey Producing Colonies		Yield per Colony		Production		Average Price per Pound ^{2/}		Value of Production		Stocks ^{3/} as of December 15	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Cents		1,000 Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
Maine	8.0	7.0	33	31	264	217	141	127	372	276	145	37
Vermont	7.0	6.0	83	68	581	408	196	145	1,139	592	163	192
CT, MA, NH, RI ^{4/}	7.0	7.8	47	50	330	391	282	297	932	1,161	159	151
NEW ENGLAND	22.0	20.8	53	49	1,175	1,016	208	200	2,443	2,029	467	380
UNITED STATES	2,599.0	2,556.0	70	72	181,727	183,582	139	109	253,106	201,790	40,785	61,222

^{1/} For producers with five or more colonies.

^{2/} Prices weighted by sales.

^{3/} Stocks held by producers.

^{4/} Individual States are not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations or because the State has less than 1,000 honey producing colonies.

SOURCE: **Honey**, 3:00 p.m., February 28 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, February, 2004 - 2005

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ^{1/}		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ^{1/}		Egg Production from All Layers ^{1/}	
	February 2004	February 2005	February 2004	February 2005	February 2004	February 2005	February 2004	February 2005
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,811	2,936	2,865	2,996	2,234	2,203	64	66
Maine	3,948	2,675	3,993	2,733	2,079	951	83	26
UNITED STATES	274,260	283,468	339,647	348,974	2,032	1,980	6,901	6,908

^{1/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.
SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., March 22, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, January 2005 with Comparisons

PRODUCT	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	January 2005 as percent of:	
				January 2004	December 2004
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	4,296	3,441	4,525	105	132
American Type Cheese ^{1/}	5,957	5,265	6,155	103	117
Mozzarella Cheese	5,406	5,022	5,971	110	119
Other Italian Cheese ^{2/}	812	815	1,061	131	130
Cottage Cheese ^{3/}	574	510	532	93	104
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	7,046	6,081	7,919	112	130
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	668	580	1,053	158	182
Milk Sherbet, Hard	265	170	206	78	121

^{1/} American Type Cheese includes Cheddars, Colby, Monterey and Jack.

^{2/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.

^{3/} Creamed and lowfat.

SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: *Dairy Products*, 3:00 p.m., March 4, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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